**National Assembly**

**Question No 974**

**Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) Which (i) immediate plans and (ii) time frames have been put in place to rebuild bridges and damaged roads in the Sakhisizwe Local Municipality, in the Chris Hani district, where infrastructures were demolished by the floods in November 2022 and (b) what is the Government doing to prevent lives from being lost due to damaged bridges and roads?NW1087E

**REPLY**

ai. The department has assigned some of its resources to areas that were inaccessible, the work is being done using available resources. This means that some of the plans had to be put on hold to attend to some of these emergencies brought by flood damages.

1. There are some bridges that have been included in the bridge programme where ECDOT is working with National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure. Confirmation for implementation will only be determined once Department of Défense has conducted assessment for suitability or feasibility.
2. ECDOT is mandated with maintenance and construction of provincially proclaimed roads. ECDOT always strives to improves delivery it is mandated with, using the available resources. Partnership with NDPWI and Department of Defence is one of other possible ways in which ECDOT is trying to avoid loss of lives.